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The following documents are being submitted Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-referenced patent application:

- 1) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page)
- 2) Request for Extension of Time (2 pages)
- 3) Credit Card Payment Form No. PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$570.00 (\$370 RCE filing fee and \$200 for two-month Request for Extension of Time) (1 page)

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/091,578 |
| Filing Date | October 6, 1998 |
| First Named Inventor | Madison |
| Group Art Unit | 1644 |
| Examiner Name | Schwadron, Ronald |
| Attorney Docket Number | 19191.0002 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 4, 2001.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37. C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §
- b. ☐ Other:

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.1356 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Payment by credit card (PTO Form 2038) in the amount of \$570.00 is enclosed for the RCE fee (\$370.00) and Two Months Extension of Time Fee (\$200)

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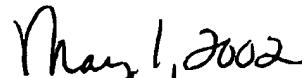
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